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Comments on the proposed precedence of *Buprestis angustula* Illiger, 1803 (Insecta, Coleoptera) over *Buprestis pavidus* Fabricius, 1793

(Case 3388; see BZN 64: 178–181)

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Although the 'priority purists' will disagree, I am in complete agreement and support Dr Jendek's application (Case 3388) to the Commission asking that they recognize *Agrilus angustulus* (Illiger, 1803) as having precedence over *Agrilus pavidus* (Fabricius, 1793) when these names are considered synonyms for the reasons stated.

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I write to register my support for the proposed precedence of *Buprestis angustula* Illiger, 1803 (Insecta, Coleoptera) over *Buprestis pavidus* Fabricius, 1793, as the matters of the case are presented thoroughly and completely.

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I support the application by Dr E. Jendek concerning the proposed precedence of the specific name *Agrilus angustulus* (Illiger, 1803) over *Agrilus pavidus* (Fabricius, 1793) because the former name has been used for two centuries for the most common

European *Agrilus* species both in taxonomic and bionomical publications. This very common species is one of the potential vectors of serious diseases of oaks and change of the name would be confusing for all workers in forestry and applied entomology since they are usually not familiar with the taxonomy and nomenclature. As explained in the application by Dr E. Jendek, the synonymy and wrong interpretation of both names is rather complicated and the conservation of the name *A. angustulus* (Illiger, 1803) is the best solution of this case. The main goal of the Code and the Commission is stability of the nomenclature, so it is undesirable to dig up an unused name even it is older.

Comment on the proposed conservation of *Columba roseogrisea* Sundevall, 1857 (currently *Streptopelia roseogrisea*; Aves, COLUMBIDAE)
(Case 3380; see BZN 64: 108–112)

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I am the first author of two checklists of the birds of Colombia (Salaman et al., 2001; 2007). In the second checklist, we treated *Streptopelia risoria* as an introduced species. The name for such introduced populations has been an issue for ornithologists for some time. Various different names have been used, as discussed in Case 3380. I fully support Thomas Donegan's suggestion that the same approach be adopted for *Streptopelia* as for other domestic/wild species name pairs in mammals and other groups, in order to promote stability and universality.

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